

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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Whereas, Pope John Paul II was born Karol Wojtyla on May 18, 1920, in Wadowice, Poland and was baptized on June 20, 1920;

Whereas, he was ordained as the auxiliary bishop of Krakow on September 28, 1958, and was named archbishop of Krakow on December 30, 1963;

Whereas, in 1978, at the age of 58, he was elected 264th pope and bishop of Rome, becoming the first non-Italian pope in 455 years as well as the first Polish pope;

Whereas, an assassination attempt was made on his life on May 13, 1981 and then personally met with and forgave his would be assassin;

Whereas, he reestablished diplomatic ties with the United States in 1984, established diplomatic ties with the former Soviet Union in 1990 and established diplomatic ties with Israel in 1994;

Whereas, he was named Time magazine's "Man of the Year" in 1994;



Whereas, his is the third longest pontificate in the history of the papacy;

Whereas, he was the most photographed world leader in history;

Whereas, he authored seven books and fourteen encyclicals and was fluent in ten different languages;

Whereas, his influence was felt well outside of the Church and is widely seen as a key figure in the collapse of communism in Eastern Europe;

Whereas, Pope John Paul II undertook 247 foreign and Italian pastoral visits, traveling over 700,000 miles to visit parishes, religious institutes, universities, seminaries, hospitals, rest homes, prisons, and schools; and

Whereas, Pope John Paul II was a spiritual guide, tireless advocate of peace and interfaith understanding, a voice of the oppressed, and a champion of human freedom: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly honors the life
2 of Pope John Paul II.

3 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
4 transmit a copy of this Resolution to President George W. Bush and to
5 the Secretary of State of the Vatican.

